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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Jim Czerwionka of Good Shepherd Manor for a job well done; and

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WHEREAS, In 1993, the GSM Board picked Dr. Jim Czerwionka from a group of highly qualified candidates to lead Good Shepherd in what was to become the largest sustained building, staffing, and major fund raising efforts in the Manor's history; through his leadership two Intermediate Care Facilities, 13 CILAs, and a state of the art infirmary have all been added to the facilities; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Czerwionka led the construction and acquisition of fourteen group homes to provide individualized, community based treatment; he worked with State and local government to gain a water and sewer grant of \$208,000; he led the development of a community-based sheltered workshop as well as employment in the community for residents; he led the charge in identifying and addressing the rapidly increasing needs of an aging resident population through the construction of a specially designed Alzheimer's Group Home and a 7,000 square foot Infirmary; he increased the Manor's operational budget from \$2 million to \$7 million and increased the staff from 60 to 170; he maintained and supported appeals and fundraising

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1 activities to generate over \$1 million annually; and he  
2 established the Shepherds Endowment Society; and

3 WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Good Shepherd Manor, Jim  
4 Czerwionka had an admirable career history with a long list of  
5 achievements in treatment centers, hospital administration,  
6 higher education, and professional associations; he has held  
7 board positions and leadership roles, worked aggressively in  
8 program development and planning, guided large scale building  
9 and renovation programs, led regulatory compliance and quality  
10 control initiatives, and has been an active leader in public  
11 relations, fundraising, research, staff development and  
12 training, and fiscal and facilities management; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Czerwionka was the executive director for the  
14 Larkin Center for Children and Adolescents in Elgin, director  
15 for the Nachusa Lutheran Home for Children, and a department  
16 head at Pritzker Children's Hospital in Chicago; he holds a  
17 Doctoral Degree in Psychology from Northern Illinois  
18 University, a Masters of Education in Special Education and  
19 Rehab Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of  
20 Science in Child Development and Child Care from the University  
21 of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelors in Philosophy/Education from St.  
22 Mary of the Lake Seminary; and

23 WHEREAS, He has held faculty positions at a number of

1 faculty positions including the Arthur J. Audy Detention Center  
2 in Chicago; College of St. Francis, Joliet; Sauk Valley  
3 College, Dixon; Roosevelt University, Chicago; and at Olivet  
4 Nazarene University in Bourbonnais; he has also been an active  
5 community leader over the years, playing key committee and  
6 leadership parts in a number of organizations including the  
7 Lions, Knights of Columbus, and currently, the  
8 Bradley/Bourbonnais Rotary Club, where he has held roles  
9 including Youth Exchange Officer, International Chair, Club  
10 President, and Foundation Chair; and

11 WHEREAS, His wife, Marcia, is a school teacher; they are  
12 parents to three children, Bridgette, John, and Lori, and the  
13 grandparents to two grandchildren with a third to arrive very  
14 soon; Jim grew up in Chicago and was enrolled in the Catholic  
15 seminary system before transferring to a career in social  
16 ministry; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition, Jim Czerwionka has held an active  
18 leadership role with the Rotary District #6450 where he has  
19 worked actively with the group study exchange program at the  
20 district level; he is currently the district assistant  
21 governor, and will assume the role of district governor for the  
22 2009-2010 term; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 congratulate Dr. Jim Czerwionka of Good Shepherd Manor for a  
3 job well done and wish him continued success in his future  
4 endeavors; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Dr. Jim Czerwionka as a symbol of our esteem.